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SUBJECT: THE PCF FINDS THE CFDT'S IDEAS INTERESTING

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1. SUMMARY: IN WHAT LOOKS LIKE A MOVE TO KEEP UP
PRESSURE ON THE PS AND GATHER CFDT VOTES, THE PCF HAS
DECIDED THAT THE UNION'S IDEAS ON THE NATIONALIZATION
ISSUE ARE SERIOUS AND A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE
SEARCH FOR AN AGREEMENT AMONGST THE POLITICAL PARTIES
OF THE LEFT. END SUMMARY.

2. PICKING UP SELECTIVE ELEMENTS IN A FEBRUARY 27
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NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW WITH CFDT NATIONAL SECRETARY
MICHAEL ROLANT, PCF GENERAL SECRETARY MARCHAIS HAS
DECLARED THAT THE UNION'S PROPOSALS ON NATIONALIZA-
TIONS AND DEMOCRATIC PLANNING ARE "SERIOUS" AND A
CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR AN AGREEMENT AMONGST
THE POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE LEFT. STATING THAT THE
CFDT'S IDEAS COME CLOSE TO HIS PARTY'S IN PURPOSE:

TO REALLY CHANGE THE SYSTEM; MARCHAIS, WITHOUT ACTUALLY ACCEPTING THE CFDT PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, USED THE OCCASION TO ONCE AGAIN CALL FOR A RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH THE PS FOR AN AGREEMENT ON A PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT AND A "DESISTEMENT" IN THE SECOND ELECTION ROUND.

3. EVER SINCE THE CFDT'S PROPOSALS APPEARED SOME WEEKS AGO, THE PRESS HAS BEEN PERIODICALLY SPECULATING THAT THEY WERE INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE PS AND THE PCF, PARTICULARLY ON THE QUESTION OF THE NUMBERS OF NATIONALIZATIONS. (THE CFDT PROPOSAL WOULD IN EFFECT BE TO NATIONALIZE ALL THE AFFILIATES IN WHICH THE PARENT FIRMS OWNED 67 PERCENT AND OVER OF THE SHARES.) PRIVATELY, THE CFDT DENIED THIS SPECULATION (SEE REFTEL). HOWEVER, IN THE INTERVIEW WHICH ATTRACTED MARCHAIS' ATTENTION, ROLANT (ALTHOUGH STATING THAT THE CFDT'S POSITIONS WERE NOT DRAFTED TO BE THE BASIS FOR A COMPROMISE) SAID THAT BOTH THE PS AND PCF POSITIONS ON NATIONALIZATIONS NEEDED RETHINKING; AND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PCF TO STOP ATTACKING THE SOCIALISTS; AND FOR THE PS TO SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH THE COMMUNISTS. MOREOVER, THE MANNER IN WHICH ROLANT DISCUSSED THE NATIONALIZATIONS ISSUE LEFT THE NEWSPAPER AND MARCHAIS FREE TO CONCLUDE THAT HE WAS OFFERING HIS UNION'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSALS AS THE BASIS FOR A COMPROMISE.

4. WHATEVER ROLANT'S INTENTIONS, AND AUTHORITY -- OR LACK THEREOF, HIS INTERJECTION OF HIS UNION INTO THE DISPUTE HAS GIVEN THE PCF THE OPPORTUNITY, NOT ONLY TO USE HIS INTERVIEW FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL PURPOSES, BUT ALSO TO WOO THE CFDT VOTERS, PARTICULARLY THE MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS, WHICH ARE ALREADY DENOUNCING THE PS AS "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC".
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